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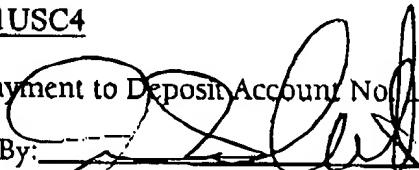
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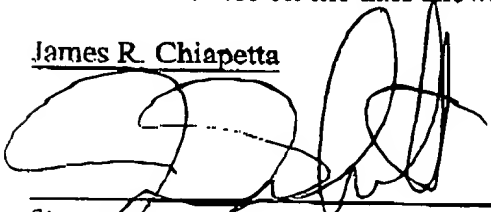
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 30, 2000, and further in view of the
Examiner Interview conducted February 7, 2001 (discussed below), please enter and consider the
following amendments for the above-referenced application.

In the Claims

Please amend the following claim:

22. (Once Amended) A method for reducing exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage in a horse, said method comprising a step of applying a force to a first and second lateral vestibular wall overlying a first and second nasal passage of a horse, said applied force being directed away from said first and second nasal passages, wherein said horse is affected by exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage.